Completion of Government quarters in CGO Complex, Faridabad

6151. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Government quarters in C.G.O. Complex on NH-IV, Faridabad are is semi-complete condition since 31st December, 1993;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have estimated cost loss it has suffered as a result thereof; and

(d) by when Government propose to restart the work and complete it for allotment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir. The work is in an advanced stage of completion.

(b) and (c) Not applicable in view of reply to (a) above.

(d) The work is already in progress and the question of re-starting the work does not arise. The Quarters are likely to be completed in stages from December '94 onwards, for allotment.

Promotion of Junior Hindi Translators in CPWD

6152. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work study is going on with regard to promote the Junior Hindi Translators of the subordinate office of the CPWD;

(b) if so, whether any time-limit has been fixed in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to consider any proposal for time-scale promotions pending finalisation of the work study; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Requirement of houses in Urban Areas

6153. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to stae:

(a) what is the estimated number of houses that would be required in the urban areas in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) what is the number of houses proposed to be constructed in the urban areas during the said plan period; and

(c) what amount is likely to be spent on this count and to what extent the requirement of houses would be met as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The National Building Organisation has estimated, on the basis of 1981 census data, that the housing shortage as on 1-3-91 in urban areas stood at 10.4 million dwelling units. It has been projected that, during the Eighth Five Year Plan period, over and above the backlog, the shelter requirement would be 9.55 million dwelling units in urban areas.

(b) and (c) Housing being a State subject the State Governments are responsible for formulating and executing specific